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**Subject:** your research profile

Bill,

I am writing to ask for a couple of minutes of your time to improve our web-based SUAPP interactive faculty research search engine.

Michael Howell-Moroney conducted a poll of research foci and interests of SUAPP faculty members in Spring 2016. One purpose was to find out the breadth of SUAPP research interests. The other was to create a research search engine to help enable SUAPP researchers connect with partners across the campus and the outside community.

We found that our faculty members are interested in about everything. On the one hand that's good, we're a curious and interdisciplinary group. However, the resulting spread limits our ability to identify the research foci of a particular faculty member. I need your help in "pruning" your principal research interests so that we can build a more focused and effective research search engine.

The Spring 2016 survey was based on the Urban Affairs Association's (UAA) 12 categories of urban research listed in the table below. The UAA breaks those 12 categories into 4-5 subcategories found in the attached file, "Urban Affairs Research Subcategories."

**Please place an X in up to 3 cells among the 12 items in the following table that best represent your principal research interests. Then return your response by email to me.** You may find the UAA subcategories helpful in making the choice. Your name, research foci and links to your contact information will be entered into the search engine. I am asking that you do so as soon as possible. We will enter the responses as they are received.

Research Area	Focus
Education	

Health
Housing
Income and Wealth Disadvantages
Racial Discrimination/Disparities
Gender Discrimination/Disparities
Community Development
Urban Security/Public Safety
Urban Design
Social Services
Nonprofit Sector
Government

Thank you for your continuing help as we build the infrastructure for collaboration for SUAPP.

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